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## Prime Minister Trudeau and President Reagan hold talks for first time

United States President Ronald Reagan visited Ottawa at the invitation of Governor-General Edward Schreyer, March 10-11.

Mr. Reagan who was making his first visit abroad since taking office, was accompanied by Mrs. Reagan and Secretary of State Alexander Haig.

Mr. Reagan was welcomed at the airport by Governor-General Schreyer and reviewed the Royal 22nd Regiment of Quebec City. Following a short speech on Canada-U.S. friendship the President was taken to Parliament Hill where he was greeted by Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, Senate Speaker Jean Marchand and Commons Speaker Jeanne Sauvé.

Mr. Trudeau told the President that Canada was "delighted" to welcome him. "Canadians know Americans and Canadians like Americans," said the Prime Minister. He said Canadians enjoyed sharing the continent with Americans because "we share the same values — individual liberty, justice, democratic values". The President said Parliament Hill "is more

than the imposing symbol of your nation. It is also a landmark of the new world, a monument to the right of self-government and the value of human freedom...."

The two leaders then met privately in Mr. Trudeau's Parliament Hill office and later had lunch at the Prime Minister's residence. The two met with ministers and government officials later in the day to discuss bilateral issues.

In the evening the President and Mrs. Reagan attended a gala performance at the National Arts Centre hosted by Prime Minister Trudeau and presenting, amongst others, dancers Karen Kain and Frank Augustyn, singers Anne Murray and Robert Charlebois, and pianist André Gagnon. A state dinner, hosted by the Governor General followed the variety show.

### Address to Parliament

President Reagan addressed a joint session of the House of Commons and the Senate on March 11. In introducing the President to Parliament, Mr. Trudeau said, "It is right that we should celebrate what we hold in common. At the same time it is necessary that we remember and respect what makes us different". The Prime Minister told Mr. Reagan that Canada was "ready to work with the United States in the cause of stability, security and humanity".

In his address to the joint session, President Reagan said, "Affinity, heritage, common borders, mutual interests — these have all built the foundation for our strong bilateral relationship. This relationship has grown to include some of the strongest economic links among the nations on this earth." Mr. Reagan added that although the United States shares bilateral interests with countries around the world "none exceeds the economic, cultural and security interests we share with you".

The President said, "We have never hidden our disputes, but we have always found room for their resolution. The issues



Prime Minister Trudeau (left) greets President Reagan on Parliament Hill. During his visit the President addressed a joint session of the House of Commons and Senate.

Twenty-one years ago this week... Assent was given by the Ontario legislature for the incorporation of Laurentian University, a non-denominational bilingual university in Sudbury.

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